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SUBJ: NEW OIL DISCOVERIES IN EGYPT

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1. IBRAHIM RADWAN, DIRECTOR, EGPC AGREEMENTS
DEPARTMENT, GAVE EMBOFF DETAILS APRIL 22 ON TWO
MORE SIGNIFIANT OIL STRIKES IN EGYPT IN PAST
20 DAYS.

2. MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE STRIKES AT SITE
NAME QANTARA WEST, IN AREA JUST WEST OF SUEZ CANAL,
WHICH BEING EXPLORED BY ITALIAN COMPANY IEOC.
ITALIANS ARE OPERATING PARTNERS IN AGREEMENT IN
WHICH THEY HAVE 50 PERCENT INTEREST, CONOCO
HAS 25 PERCENT INTEREST AND MARATHON HAS 25 PERCENT
INTEREST. STRIKE MADE AT WELL LOCATED ABOUT HALFWAY
BETWEEN ISMAILIA AND PORT SAID IN CLOSE PROXIMITY
TO CANAL. ACCORDING TO RADWA, ITALIANS HAVE
DISCOVERED LARGE RESERVE OF VERY WET GAS, FROM
WHICH HIGH QUALITY CRUDE PETROLEUM CAN BE OBTAINED.
EGYPTIANS ARE ELATED BY DISCOVERY BECAUSE IT IS
FIRST ONSHORE DISCOVERY OF RECENT EXPLORATION
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PUSH AND SUPPORTS THEIR BELIEF THAT GULF OF SUEZ

STRUCTURES EXTEND INTO DELTA AREA. ON APRIL 22, MINISTER HILAL SAID THAT PRODUCTION TESTS AT QNATARA WELL HAVE INDICATED IT CAN PRODUCE 3,000 BARRELS PER DAY OF CRUDE OIL IN THE 50-60 DEGREE RANGE. HILAL DID NOT MENTION GASEOUS ASPECT OF DISCOVERY.

3. RADWAN SAID ALSO THAT RESULTS OF DRILLING OF DEMINEX SECOND WELL IN GULF OF SUEX (REFTEL) HAS PROVED EXISTENCE OF NEW FIELD APPROXIMATELY SIZE OF AMOCO'S JULY FIELD (ABOUT 200 MILLION BARRELS RESERVE). DEMINEX WELLS LOCATED IN AREA SLIGHTLY SOUTH OF, BUT MIDWAY BETWEEN JULY AND RAMADAN FIELD.

RADWAN SAID INITIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS CALL FOR PRODUCTION OF 20,000 BARRELS PER DAY BY 1977, INCREASING TO 50,000 PBD BY 1980. RADWAN DESCRIBED CURRENT PLAN TO ASK AMOCO TO TIE THIS FIELD INTO ITS RAS SHUKAIR FACILITIES. THIS WILL RELIEVE DEMINEX AND EGPC OF BURDEN OF COSTLY INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLING FACILITIES. RADWAN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AMOCO HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON THIS IDEA, AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE.
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